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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 24, 1853.

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**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by Mr. CHASE to the act (H. R. 336) "making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four."

Add the following as additional sections—

1        SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary  
2 of War be, and he is hereby, authorized, under the direction  
3 of the President of the United States, to employ such portion  
4 of the corps of topographical engineers, and such other per-  
5 sons as he may deem necessary, to make such explorations and  
6 surveys as he may deem advisable, to ascertain the most prac-  
7 ticable and economical route for a railroad from the Missis-  
8 sippi river to the Pacific ocean, and that the sum of one  
9 hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may  
10 be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of  
11 any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to de-  
12 fray the expense of such explorations and surveys.

1        SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That the engineers  
2 and other persons employed in said explorations and surveys

3 shall be organized in as many distinct corps as there are routes  
4 to be surveyed, and their several reports shall be laid before  
5 Congress on or before the first Monday in February, eighteen  
6 hundred and fifty-four.

1       SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That, in making  
2 such explorations and surveys, the engineers and other persons  
3 employed under the authority of this act may be directed to  
4 act in concert with any engineers employed by any individual  
5 or individuals, association or associations, for the same general  
6 object; and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and  
7 required to receive proposals from individuals or associations  
8 for the construction of a railroad between the valley of the  
9 Mississippi and the Pacific ocean, and lay the same before  
10 Congress at the next session.

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Intended to be proposed by Mr. RUSK to the amendment of Mr. WALKER to the act (H. R. 336) "making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four."

1        Insert in first section—

2        "One or more railroads."

3        Add at the end—

4        "The said route or routes, for the road or roads herein  
5 provided for, to be selected by the President of the United  
6 States from among those surveyed, he having due regard to  
7 the expense, grades, intercourse, commerce, and military de-  
8 fences and protection of the whole country."

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**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by Mr. WALKER, to the amendment proposed by Mr. CHASE, to the act (H. R. 336) "making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1854," viz: Strike out the parts within [brackets], and insert those printed in *italics*.

1        SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, [That the Secre-  
2        retary of War be, and he is hereby authorized, under the di-  
3        rection of the President of the United States, to employ such  
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5        persons, as he may deem necessary, to make such explorations  
6        and surveys as he may deem advisable to ascertain the most  
7        practicable and economical route for a railroad from the Mis-  
8        sissippi river to the Pacific ocean.]

9        *That, with a view to the ultimate construction of a rail-*  
10       *road from some suitable point west of the Mississippi river to*  
11       *some suitable point on the coast of the Pacific ocean, or the*  
12       *eastern line of California, within the jurisdiction of the United*  
13       *States, there shall be detailed from the corps of topographical*  
14       *engineers a sufficient force, whose duty it shall be to proceed,*

15 *as soon as practicable, to select, survey, locate, and mark, on*  
16 *the most proper and eligible ground, a route, not more than three*  
17 *hundred feet wide, for said railroad; and to make and report*  
18 *to the Secretary of War a map of such survey and location,*  
19 *together with an approximate estimate of the cost of construct-*  
20 *ing such railroad; and that the sum of one hundred and fifty*  
21 *thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be,*  
22 *and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the*  
23 *treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expense of*  
24 *such explorations and survey.*

1        SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That, as soon as*  
2 *practicable after said route shall have been surveyed and loca-*  
3 *ted, there shall be surveyed, as the other lands of the United*  
4 *States have been heretofore surveyed, six townships wide on*  
5 *either side of said route, through the whole extent of the public*  
6 *lands along such route, the even-numbered sections of which*  
7 *lands so to be surveyed, except sections thirty-six and sixteen,*  
8 *shall be granted and patented by the United States, free of*  
9 *cost, in quantities not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres*  
10 *to each person who shall settle upon, occupy, and cultivate the*  
11 *same for one year: Provided, That such occupant shall be the*  
12 *head of a family, or, if single, of the age of twenty-one years*  
13 *or upwards—a citizen of the United States, or having declared*  
14 *his or her intention to become such, according to the naturaliza-*  
15 *tion laws of the United States; and the odd-numbered sections*

16 *of said land shall be sacredly held and disposed of for the ul-*  
 17 *timate construction of said railroad, and the furnishing and*  
 18 *equipment of the same.*

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